

working in Haberman's Imperial, Nebraska, or in Herman, Nebraska. I don't think there is any big insurance companies out there. So, agriculture, who has every year stood up and asked for the urban senators to vote with them, maybe they thought they were doing the urban senators a favor by giving away the taxpayers money. Been one of the first times in eight years I can remember Rex ever doing anything for Omaha. But, of course, it isn't for Omaha, it was for Omaha's big corporations. I don't know what else I can say. I'm glad to see that Senator Wesely is here to take Senator Withem's place to continue to vote red on each motion to return. I hated to think that I had both of them voting against me at once. And I admire Senator Marsh, in between her readings, remembering to punch red on each motion to return. And I know she is going to miss me, the same as she is going to miss all the rest of you, when she is gone next year. I'm sure, if she stayed here, she'd probably be one of those to get up next year and say, let's put the tax assessment on the insurance companies, which is the right thing to do. But then again maybe she wouldn't since she's been very regular in voting no. The rest of you haven't voted at all, which we all know is a no vote, but it's a little kinder, you don't have that little red light. I don't know much more to say about why this bill should be killed, why it should not be allowed to advance. But the next amendment is the sixteenth and the last amendment, and I will have something to tell you then that will be interesting to you, much more interesting than talking about taxes that are not paid by the big corporations, much more interesting than divulging to you the unholy wealth of the insurance companies, something about yourselves, not personally, but as a body, something I'll bet that if Ernie Chambers was down here he would have thought about long ago. How much more time is there on this amendment, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Two and a half minutes, but don't feel obligated to use them if you don't want to. (Laughter.)

SENATOR HIGGINS: You know, Mr. President, the way I feel is the minute I give an inch on this I'll just be showing the insurance companies that I am weak and they are strong. And I'm sure none of them have stood, since eleven-thirty this morning, out there in the Rotunda. And I don't think any of them would stand for one hour for what they believe in, unless it would be the almighty dollar. I'm sure that when they did their lobbying it was on nice, soft, cushioned chairs, either in offices, or restaurants, or where have you. I'm just about to the end of my